

# THE MOHAVE MINER.

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The much talked about Sifting Bull is dead. He is now for the first time since his imprisonment a few years ago, in condition for Buffalo Bill to arrest.

A bill is being prepared, says the Gazette, by a prominent citizen of Cochise county to present to the Sixteenth Legislature for the purpose of putting a stop to public gambling.

The year 1891 has every indication of being a lively one in the history of mining in Arizona. From all over the territory comes the reports of a revival in the mining industry, with every reason for success.

This editor of the Albuquerque Democrat announces himself for candidate for Mayor of that city in the following modest manner: "We hereby announce ourselves as a candidate for Mayor at the election in April. It is a little early, but no man ever secured an office by being a little late. We don't propose to let any sense of false modesty stand in the way of our getting there. We can read, write and cipher. We represent the intelligence and manners of this community. We are the top of the society, and can borrow \$100 on our gold mine in San Pedro any day. In brief, we are the best candidate who can be put up for the office, and we are doing the public a favor by consenting to run."

Mohave County will be ably represented in the 16th legislature. Mr. F. S. Dennis, who is elected to the Council, is an able, honorable gentleman, and will conscientiously represent his constituents. Mr. Dennis is largely interested in mining, and has at all times been a leader in such measures as would tend to advance the interest of the community in which he lives. Mr. M. C. Copeland, the member elected to the House, is a young man of recognized ability. He is the agent of the A. & P. railroad at Kingman and takes a lively interest in public affairs. With such fair-minded, honorable and intelligent representatives the interests of Mohave county will be well looked after in the 16th legislature.

A wealthy Pittsburgh, Pa. woman is about to undertake a novel work of charity. She is transforming what is known as the Moorehead Hall building into a temporary refuge for homeless wanderers and tramps. There will be sitting, dining and sleeping apartments conveniently arranged, the whole to be in charge of a superintendent able to restrain and manage knights of the road. There are fourteen good-sized rooms in the building to be made up. Miss Moorehead, who undertakes this work, is a daughter of the late Gen. John K. Moorehead, who formerly represented the Pittsburgh district in Congress. She has for several years successfully conducted a faith-cure establishment in Pittsburgh.

This next legislature should abolish the office of tax collector and consolidate it with that of treasurer. Under the law passed by the last legislature the sheriff is made collector in third class counties. In this county the sheriff is ex-officio assessor and collector. At present the collector receives five per cent of all moneys collected, and pays what he receives over to the treasurer, and it is an additional expense of five per cent to the taxpayers, and the treasurer receives an additional percentage for handling it. A law to take effect two years hence abolishing the office of collector, and making the duties of that office the duty of the treasurer would save third-class counties several thousand dollars each year, and at the same time getting rid of a useless and objectionable office.

D. N. HUNSAKER the editor and proprietor of the Southwestern Stockman, published at Wilcox, died at San Diego on the 19th inst. The death of Mr. Hunsaker caused universal regret wherever he was known. Mr. Hunsaker came to Arizona for his health, from San Diego, having had weak lungs, and the dry, equable climate of this Territory proved beneficial and no doubt prolonged his life several years. He purchased the Stockman when that paper was on the verge of dissolution and by energy and ability he made an excellent journal of the Stockman, and the only exponent of the live stock industry in Arizona. Mr. Hunsaker was one of the brightest newspaper men of the Territory and his death will be keenly felt among the fraternity. The Miners extend its sympathies to the sorrowing aged parents, and the brother and sisters in their bereavement.

Says the Journal-News: "Among the ten 'Zollicked' laws is one providing for compulsory education in this Territory. Among the provisions of this law is the following: "Every parent, guardian or other person in the Territory of Arizona having control or charge of child or children, between the ages of eight to fourteen years, shall be required to send such child or children to a public school for a period of at least twelve weeks in each school year, at least six weeks of which shall be consecutive, unless such child or children are excused from such attendance by the board of school trustees of the school district, in which parents or guardians reside, upon being shown to their satisfaction that the bodily or mental condition of such child or children has been such as to prevent his or her attendance at school, or application to study for the period required, or that such child or children are taught in a private school or at home in such branches as are usually taught in primary school, or have already acquired the ordinary branches taught in public school; provided in each case a public school shall not be taught for the period of twelve weeks, or any part thereof, during the year, within two miles by the nearest traveled road, of the residence of any person within the school district, he or she shall not be liable to the provisions of this act."

## TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

The Supreme Court will meet in Phoenix on January 12th, 1891.

The Canteen sale at Fort Grant was recently robbed of about \$200.

There are nineteen prisoners in the Pima county jail at Tucson.

Monthly shipments of freight to and from Globe aggregates 3,000,000 pounds. The Pioneers of Arizona will hold a grand banquet and reunion at Tucson on the 29th inst.

Forty gallons of mescal was sold at public auction one day last week, and brought \$3.25 per gallon.

The jury in the Matt Black murder case at Prescott returned a verdict of not guilty. The jury in the Chart murder case failed to agree.

Fourteen carloads of freight were unloaded for Tucson yesterday. This is the highest number of cars unloaded here in a day for a year.—Citizen.

The Maricopa supervisors have decided on a new road to Harqua Hala, which will be about ninety miles long. The construction is said to be not difficult.

The Territory does not own a flag, but borrows one to fly on the capitol building during the session of the legislature. The Phoenix public schools own a flag but no pole.

Territorial Treasurer Smith, of Phoenix, has received a draft for \$15,000 from the general government to be applied in experimental farming in connection with the territorial university.

J. L. Fisher, yesterday, purchased \$140 worth of gold nuggets from parties just in from Weaver district. They were found on Rich Hill, and the largest one was worth \$90.—Journal-News.

Judge Gooding, this morning, sentenced Lewis Fisher, convicted of forgery, to one year in the penitentiary. Jose Leandro Lalazar, convicted of aggravated battery, was given two years.—Journal-News.

The announcement is made that "Shotgun Smith" is visiting Fort Smith. Smith was the fighting editor of the Arizonan in early days, and always packed a shotgun when he went on the street.—Epitaph.

Acting Governor N. O. Murphy granted a reprieve in the case of the two condemned murderers in Graham county. They will be given granted thirty days longer in which to make peace with their Maker.

A young California lion entered the house of George Knight this morning and killed his cat. In eating the cat he choked to death. George had quite a time in trying to pull the lion from behind a barrel.—Yuma Sentinel.

Charles A. Hoff, of Tucson, is a candidate for chief clerk of the Assembly. Mr. Hoff is one of the brightest and competent young men in Arizona, and has done good work for the democracy of Pima county, and would fill the position with credit.—Gazette.

The railroad company paid in their taxes yesterday to Tax Collector M. S. Snyder. The amount paid was about \$25,000. Railroads are a mighty good thing at all times, and especially when it comes to paying taxes. They have never fallen short on time in Pima county.—Star.

A petition to Congress has been circulated in Tempe during the past week, asking that all railroads hereafter built in Arizona (without subsidy) be exempted from all taxation for a period of five years. The document received the signatures of a large number of our business men.—News.

J. W. Wentworth arrived from Payson Thursday. He reports the discovery in Mazatzal Mountains, on the line of Yavapai and Gila counties, of an immense copper ledge, the one assaying high in copper and carrying some gold. Bisag, Gray and another party are the locators.—Globe Belt.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, United States General Agent of Education for Alaska, in former years was well known in Arizona and New Mexico as an impugner of the virtue of females of those territories, and for which, as was deserved, he received editorial mauling by territorial newspapers.—Globe Belt.

Grant Le Barr, a freighter, was shot and killed at the Peck mine, thirty-five miles south of Prescott, between 12 and 1 o'clock on the 22d inst. The messenger who brought the news to the sheriff's office could give no particular, further than that he was killed in front of a saloon. John Stoops was with Le Barr, and is supposed to have fired the fatal shot.

Professor Heerdegen's little electrical machine for locating water and mineral proved a failure in the case of the Yuma Copper Co's well, but at 530 feet the formation changed, and the indications are considered good for striking valuable mineral ledges. The company have decided to pipe water a distance of two and one-half miles in air line, but requiring eight miles of piping.

News reached here yesterday of an unfortunate shooting affair at Clifton. Mrs. Charles Stevens is reported to have become engaged in a wordy war with Mrs. Kirchner, at whom she took a shot, missing the intended victim, however, and shooting a Mexican girl named Crenencia in the hand, or arm. No particulars as to the cause of the disturbance was learned.—Graham County Bulletin.

The Farmers' Alliance of Arizona is growing rapidly. They met in Phoenix last week and organized. They, among other things, appointed a committee of five on legislation. Their duty will be to attend during the 16th legislative session and promote especially, amendment of the stock law; amendment of the road, exemption and other imperfect enactments. Suggestions are invited from every quarter, relating to improvement of all laws, particularly those affecting the farmers' interests. Communications may be addressed to W. B. Green, chairman of the committee.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

Correspondence of THE MINER.

WASHINGTON, December 25, 1890. Secretary Windom is willing, and even anxious, that Congress shall authorize him to put \$30,000,000 in immediate circulation by purchasing additional silver, and Mr. Harrison has also become converted, and will send in a special message this week recommending that some such legislation be adopted by Congress. This change of opinion, which doubtless would have greatly surprised either of the gentlemen a month ago, is easily accounted for. The Senators and Representatives who favor free coinage have shown a disposition to overthrow party lines—they are in both parties,—take the bit in their mouths and pass a free coinage bill, whether it pleased the party leaders or not. This Mr. Harrison and Secretary Windom are both very much opposed to; hence their proposition to increase the money in circulation by other methods.

Sensors were approached last week and asked if they were willing to pledge themselves not to offer a free coinage amendment to a bill authorizing the purchase of all the silver bullion now stored in the United States, but they refused to do so; and it will not be at all surprising if the administration finds itself in the lurch after all on this question.

It is as near certain as anything in the near future can be that Congress will pass some financial legislation before Christmas, but it is not so easy to say just what it will be, further than that it will add to the amount of money in circulation. The republicans of the Senate hold a caucus to-night to discuss financial matters and decide whether the Election bill shall be laid aside in order to consider financial legislation. It will either be passed or laid aside within the next week, and if it is once laid aside it is extremely doubtful whether it will be again taken up.

The fight between the pension attorneys and Secretary Noble is getting decidedly interesting and is growing more so. The attorneys will try to drive Mr. Noble into private life, and he will try to have all the States adopt the method which, he says, has worked smoothly in the States of Massachusetts, Minnesota and Wisconsin, of having the Attorney General of the State prosecute claims for pensions without cost to the applicants. Mr. Noble has also succeeded in having the House committee on Invalid Pensions make a favorable report on a bill reducing the fee for obtaining an increase in pension to \$2.

The River and Harbor bill of the last session having been an unusually large one, and very little of the money appropriated having yet been spent, it has been decided not to report one at this session. "Senatorial courtesy" took a day off last Friday when Senator Butler called Senator Hoar a liar and Senator Edmunds accused Senator Butler of being more crazy than usual. Things are in a "strained" condition in both House and Senate and it will be strange if rows do not become frequent as the session advances.

According to Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, who is just from home, the Indian scare is chargeable to the greed of "space" writers and the inclination of eastern editors to purchase and print all the sensational matter offered to them, without regard to its truthfulness.

Senator Squire, who was chairman of the Congressional Committee that went to the Pacific coast to investigate, says the law against Chinese immigration is all right, but too small a force of men is employed to enforce it.

Col. Kirby, the new Farmers Alliance Senator from South Carolina, will be the youngest Senator when he takes his seat. He is only 36 years old.

Petitions for and against the Torrey bankruptcy bill by the Senate are coming in in large numbers. The most of the latter are from the northwestern states. Saturday the Senate bill for the inspection of cattle and hogs and the products thereof, was called up in the House by Representative Baker, of New York. Mr. Mills made a short but very earnest speech against its passage, characterizing it as one of the most remarkable measures ever presented to Congress. Mr. Stockbridge, in advocacy of the bill, said that from the Atlantic to the Pacific there was a cry from the people for pure food, which not only meant that there should be no chicanery in coffee and no sand in sugar, but that the meats that entered into consumption should not be tainted with disease injurious to the human being. The bill was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

The House committee on Merchant Marine has reported a single bill as a substitute for the two shipping bills passed by the Senate at the last session. Representative Geary, of California, has introduced a bill providing stringent regulations for the naturalization of foreigners. It provides for the advertisement of all applications and for the examination on the history of the United States, the Federal constitution and the constitution of the states in which the applicant resides.

The Harqua Hala Consolidated Gold Mining Co. are taking out ore from their numerous properties to run through the Harris mill for the gratification of an English company who are negotiating for the purchase of this property. A large body of rich gold ore has been uncovered in the Seeling mine, owned by Seeling & Co., of Phoenix. The Sadie Wentworth mine shows a large body of rich ore. This mine is owned by Fred. Wentworth & Co. Both mines are on the same mineral belt as the great Bonanza mines, and only a short distance therefrom.

The Las Vegas Optic thinks the man who gets mad at what the newspapers say about him should return thanks three times a day for what the newspapers know about him and keep in the dark back ground.

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## Proposals Wanted.

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PROPOSALS For feeding county prisoners at a stated price per meal. Bids for the above to be for warrants on the Contingent Fund at their face value.

PROPOSALS For boarding and lodging, together or separate, for indigent sick for the same period. Bids to be for warrants on the General Fund at their face value.

PROPOSALS For burying indigent dead for the year 1891, to be buried in plain wooden coffins in graves not less than five feet deep, in burial ground to be designated by Board of Supervisors, for warrants on the General Fund at their face value.

PROPOSALS For drugs, medical supplies and medical appliances, in such quantities and at such time as may be specified by the proper authorities, for warrants on the General Fund at their face value.

PROPOSALS For medical services for the indigent sick and county prisoners from Jan. 1st up to and including Dec. 31st, 1891, said bids to be for services to be rendered at the county seat only, for warrants on the General Fund at their face value.

PROPOSALS For coal necessary for the use of county officers for the year 1891, for warrants on the General Fund at their face value. Parties whose bids are accepted will be required to give sufficient bonds for the faithful performance thereof.

All bids must be sealed and filed with the Clerk of the Board on or before January 5th, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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